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1. SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CABINET, IT APPEARS AS IF RAIS YATIM, ALTHOUGH NOW OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (HE IS THE CHIEF MINISTER OF NEGRI SEMBILAN), WILL RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOM NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. HE REMAINS THE PRESIDENT OF PEMADAM, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, AND HE IS STILL HEAD OF THE NATIONAL ACTION UNIT OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HAD EXPECTED (REF A), NO NEW DEPUTY MINISTER HAS TAKEN ON ANY OF RAIS' NARCOTICS RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. WE HAVE THEREFORE REITERATED OUR OFFER TO RAIS TO VISIT THE US AS A GUEST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND HE HAD INDICATED THAT HE IS STILL EAGER TO GO. HOWEVER, THE DATES MENTIONED REF B (SEPTEMBER 14 TO OCTOBER 5) ARE NO LONGER CONVENIENT FOR THE TRIP. THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF RAIS' RULING PARTY, THE UNITED MALAYS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14-17 AND THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RULERS WILL MEET
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SEPTEMBER 27-28. RAIS' PRIVATE SECRETARY HAS TENTATIVELY BLOCKED OFF THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 5 AND WE HAVE ASKED THAT HE CONFIRM THESE DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RAIS HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONLY THREE WEEKS INCLUDING TRAVEL TIME, SO WE SUGGEST THAT A SOMEWAHT SHORTENED PROGRAM FROM OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 2 OR 3 BE SCHEDULED.

3. RAIS IS INTERESTED IN ALL OF THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL D. IN ADDITION, HE HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN OBSERVING A CIVIL COMMITMENT PROGRAM OR PRISON REHABILITATION CENTER SINCE THE GOM IS PLANNING A PROGRAM FOR TREATING ADDICTED CRIMINALS. THE GOM IS ALSO JUST GETTING STARTED ON OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR HEROIN DEPENDENTS AND EXPOSURE TO OUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS ARE WOULD BE VALUABLE. RAIS IS A LAWYER AND SO WOULD FIND USEFUL DETAILED EXPOSURE TO THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND TREATMENT. FINALLY, SINCE RAIS NOW OCCUPIES A POSITION APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT TO STATE GOVERNOR, HE WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH A GOVERNOR IF POSSIBLE.

4. RAIS IS STILL PLANNING TO HAVE TWO GOM OFFICIALS TRAVEL WITH HIM UNDER THE TERMS OUTLINED IN PARA 5, REFTEL D. ALTHOUGH THE DECISION IS NOT YET FINAL, ABDUL JABID BIN MOHD. DON AND CDR. V. NAVARATNAM ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE THOSE OFFICIALS. FSO JOSEPH SNYDER WILL BE THE EMBASSY'S ESCORT OFFICER. WE WILL SEND BIO DATA AS SOON AS THE PARTICIPATION OF ABDUL JABID AND NAVARATNAM IS CONFIRMED.
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